

**TOWN OF DAVIE
TOWN COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT**

TO: Mayor and Councilmembers

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SUBJECT: Resolution

AFFECTED DISTRICT: All Districts

ITEM REQUEST: Schedule for Council Meeting

TITLE OF AGENDA ITEM: GRANT/ACCEPTANCE - A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF DAVIE, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE APPLICATION FOR A \$88,000 GRANT FROM THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY, 2009 ASSISTANCE TO FIREFIGHTERS GRANT PROGRAM; AND AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE AND EXECUTION OF THE GRANT, IF AWARDED (WITH \$22,000 MATCHING FUNDS).

REPORT IN BRIEF: The U.S. Department of Homeland Security administers the Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program to support projects that improve firefighter health and safety and enhance the ability of fire departments to protect the public from fire related hazards.

The grant program funds 80% of project costs and requires a 20% local match. Davie Fire Rescue will request a grant of \$88,000 and will provide \$22,000 in matching funds to purchase 10 Power assisted hydraulic stretchers for Davie Fire Rescue Department ALS transport units. The grant project totals \$110,000. The power assisted hydraulic stretchers will provide a safer working environment and help reduce stretcher related injuries by 90% over a calendar year.

Currently, Davie Fire Rescue units are equipped with standard manually operated stretchers that require employees to physically lift or lower the stretcher to load and unload a patient. The stretchers, even with proper operating and lifting techniques, puts great deal of stress on the body. In addition, when dealing with the overweight or obese patients manual lift stretchers pose physical challenge to our Fire Rescue personnel. It is estimated that the obesity rate of the U.S. adult population has increased to 15%, which increases the risk of injury to our personnel.

According to a November 2005 survey conducted by the National Association of Emergency Medical Technicians, almost one in two EMTs have sustained a back injury. In the last three (3) years, Davie Fire Rescue Department personnel has sustained eleven (11) stretcher related injuries. Of the 11 injuries, 10 are in the minor category and one severe injury that required extensive injury and physical therapy prior to the employee being able to return to work.

PREVIOUS ACTIONS: None

CONCURRENCES: None

FISCAL IMPACT: Yes

Has request been budgeted? Yes

If yes, expected cost: \$110,000 (Grant 80%:\$88,000 and Town Match 20%: \$22,000)

Account name and number: Town: Acct. #001-0602-522.04-07 (First Aid and Supply Equipment Expense); Grant: Acct. # 001-0620-522.64-05 (Grant Expenses)

If no, amount needed: \$

What account name and number will funds be appropriated from:

Additional Comments:

RECOMMENDATION(S): Motion to approve resolution

Attachment(s): Resolution

RESOLUTION _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF DAVIE, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE APPLICATION FOR A \$88,000 GRANT FROM THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY, 2009 ASSISTANCE TO FIREFIGHTERS GRANT PROGRAM; AND AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE AND EXECUTION OF THE GRANT, IF AWARDED (WITH \$22,000 MATCHING FUNDS).

WHEREAS, Preventing stretcher related injuries to Davie Fire Rescue personnel is a significant concern; and

WHEREAS, Davie Fire Rescue units are equipped with standard manually operated stretchers which require employees to physically lift or lower the stretcher to load and unload a patient, putting a great deal of stress on the body; and

WHEREAS, Davie Fire Rescue will purchase 10 Power assisted hydraulic stretchers for its ALS transport units; and

WHEREAS, The power assisted hydraulic stretchers will provide a safer working environment and help reduce stretcher related injuries.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF DAVIE, FLORIDA.

SECTION 1. The Town Council of the Town of Davie hereby authorizes the Town Administrator and/or appropriate personnel to submit a grant application to the 2009 Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program requesting \$88,000 in grant funds and providing \$22,000 in matching funds from the First Aid and Supply Equipment account.

SECTION 2. The Town Council authorizes the Town Administrator or designee to accept and implement the grant, if awarded, and to execute all necessary grant contracts, documents, progress reports, invoices and extension requests.

SECTION 3. The Town Council authorizes the Director of Budget and Finance to recognize grant revenue, if awarded, and to appropriate the funds into the correct departmental budget.

SECTION 4. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its passage and adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS ____ DAY OF _____, 2009

MAYOR/COUNCILMEMBER

ATTEST:

TOWN CLERK

APPROVED THIS ____ DAY OF _____, 2009